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# ***KC DX NEWS***

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**NEXT KCDXC MEETING: Oct.31TH** -The next KCDXC meeting will be a zoom meeting only. Start: 630pm. Our program will be by Reinhard of RF Kit, and he will talk about his RF2K-S LDMOS Solid State Amp for HF. **NEW MONTHLY FEATURE: SHACK PICTURES!** This month, ACØKN is featured. Send in your shack pics to the Editor: [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com).



Jim sports a very nice shack set up: A Ten Tec Orion II, and numerous VHF/UHF rigs. ACØKN is still using the attic antenna system that we pictured in the newsletter about a year ago.

KØTHN's shack will be featured in next month's newsletter. Send in your shack pictures to the Editor at [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com).

**ACØKN**

## KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	DIGI	IOTA	160	6 M	DX Challenge
AB0X	357	353	349	232		225	45	2382
N0RB	353	347	351				23	2269
K0CA	350	349	350	331	318	112		2631
N0CWR	350	350	350	326	985	207	93	2933
NX0I	350	349	347	271		211	6	2522
K3PA	350	348	345	321		188	36	2735
K0HQW	349	333	347			33		1352
AC0A	348	321	348	24	882		15	2288
K0VXU	348	335	331	265	439	143	2	2295
KS0DX	347	318	348	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
K0GY	344	340	344	290			5	2295
KB0X	336							
K0AP	334	331	325	295		47	8	2353
W0QQ	334	246	332	230	151	115	355	1912
K4SX	331	280	320	187		52	82	1773
KE5BR	335	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		
W0MB	327	252	325	279		45		1849
K0XM	326	292	275	225		113	24	1858
AA0MZ	312	290	292	220	532	44	20	1296
AC0C	310	306	267	243	160	128	3	1852
K0IZ	300		300					
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	
W0XE	248	216	193	14				833
AI60	255	228	197	171		20	10	992
AD0K	257	242	85	85	196	35	4	1329
W0DR	225	30	174	70		10	7	622
N0EG	223	189	158	109		24	11	702
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
W0ZAP	140	37	75	110		18	2	382
W0HL	96	7	50	78		5	7	231
WD0SRI	63	17	56			1	1	138

Red indicates member is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions. NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Send to [ab0x@kc.rr.com](mailto:ab0x@kc.rr.com) . Please only one update a month.

## The President's Corner

October 2022

Chuck KØXM

Hi again everyone!!!

Well, once again we had a good meeting via Zoom and live this month. Scott KØMD gave a fantastic presentation on his travels and operation from China and South America. And hopefully if we get all the scheduling worked out, our next presentation will be from Reinhard of RF Kit, and he will talk about his RF2K-S LDMOS Solid State Amp for HF.

We are close in updating the SK list on the web page. Yes, there IS a list presently, but a few members are missing, hence the requests for additional info. The club has had a large amount of active and notable members and I think we need to remember them. So, check the email group and pass on any pics, or stories of the listed parties, to me. I will collect the info and work with the officers on formulating the data and publish it. Send that info to my new email [k0xm@k0xm.net](mailto:k0xm@k0xm.net)

I want to speak about a trend that keeps popping into my head. When I had spoken to a few fellow hams, who were not club members and told them I was elected president (this was before I actually took office), one of the comments I got back was "Oh the DX Club think they are above everyone else." That we have an elitist attitude toward other hams. And it did affect me. Having been born bred and corrupted in Kansas City Kansas and Wyandotte County, I know fully well how it feels where people look down towards you. And one thing I have strived for over the years is losing that mentality in my Ham world. With all my awards for various DX achievements, the Wyandotte County part of me never allowed me to think I am better than other hams. It is OUR duty to mentor those who need to learn. And they need to be taught correctly. So that they do it RIGHT. To be a good op.

And in reality, I have been just as guilty as others. Yes, I have put FT8 operators down in the past. And then I got to working it. I realized it is just another mode. And not having optimal conditions or that full blown station with the stacked antennas, it allowed me to be ACTIVE. Which is our main desire right? The reason I mention this is because I saw on the email group, and also at the club meeting how there is still a divide in opinions about this mode and how it is "killing ham radio". Hell, one VERY active FT8 operator was wearing an "FT8 Sucks" badge. Now "I" know it was a joke, but others may not. THAT is part of where this elitist attitude can mistakenly come across. Honestly, I do not see it "killing" ham radio as much as SSB supposedly killed CW from the past.

As we try and grow the club, we need to realize that the new members are US in our younger days. Now last I checked we could not do 40 WPM CW or hold a SSB rate of 220 q's an hour in a contest from the day we were born, and in reality, we had YEARS of development to get to the point we are at now in our individual operation level of skill. SO, we need to TEACH, to mentor (gee that sounds like ELMERING). The club has such a WEALTH of knowledge, (contest winners, published authors and the like) and we need to use that knowledge. I have noticed in the past few years that some (not all) newer hams want the easy way out, and some

want the older knowledgeable hams to do their work. I had a major taste of that in the DMR world. Which is why I given up on that part of my ham activity. I was informed by more than one new ham that "I was going to do the work for him". Umm no, you will have to learn. I will help but I am not doing it all.

As we get these newer members, I ASK you to think before making a comment. OR wear that badge. We have already lost one long time member due to he didn't take too kindly to a joke comment. There may be more reasons, I am sure- but that was the one item that was repeated to me every time the subject comes up.

Growth is what we strive for. Not losing members. So PLEASE think twice.

Understand I am not asking us to sit at the meeting, and hold hands and sing Kumbaya, or something. I just want to convey that the example we set out during our meetings (club meetings, hamfests, conventions) can add to or deteriorate the "Elitist" face that some think we are.

One last thing, as I am sure I lost some about half way down the 1st page. I would LOVE to see more contest scores turned in for the Club. There was a time where the DX Club was near the top of standings/ submittals and I believe we can get there again. Now granted I am in the middle of building MY station to operate from, but those who are active, please consider that. Along those lines, I am working to get a new position of "Contest Score Wrangler" established, to collect all the scores submitted which list the club. Why?? Because there is a possibility those scores will be tied into a NEW contest operation award. And it will not be a piece of paper. I am leaning more towards a wooden plaque. We can discuss this during a meeting. I feel this could be another way to inspire newer members participation. This would be in addition to the awards we have. Speaking of those awards, I am on the CQ DX Marathon Advisory Board. K9EL established new parties to participate as he is prepping to retire from the board.

This column voices items I feel need to be addressed throughout the ham community and all clubs in general. A friend was asked to give a presentation to one of the larger clubs in town, and just before he was introduced to speak, the VP came up to him and said "Make it quick, people want to go eat pizza'. Now, in my opinion, I would have gone up after the intro, and while I was speaking, start packing my items. Then the club would be informed "Thanks for wasting my time but I was just informed you are ready to go eat pizza so that would make it so I cannot give the agreed presentation as I was asked. Enjoy Dinner" But then that's the way I would have acted.

Now I know we cannot change people's views, but maybe we can change the view they have of US.

Of course, there are those who are so closed minded that nothing will sway their opinion. Those we ignore. And in my experience, they show their true colors quickly. Let us bring those wanting to be a member in and welcome them and answer their questions and help them become the operator that can be a good example of what a ham should be.

Respect. It is all about respect. Respect for other's decision to operate a cer-



tain mode, or the respect they convey to you in asking for your opinion and assistance.....

Until next month. CUL

73 es Good DX  
Chuck KØXM (ex- NØBIW)

September 26, 2022

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

The September 2022 meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order early by President Chuck Kraly, KØXM at 6:30pm CDT (September 26, 2330UTC).

Agenda

1. Presentation by KØMD, Dr. Scott Wright, Rochester, MN
2. Introductions
3. Upcoming DXpeditions and Contests
4. Dues
5. Other
6. Next Meetings

Presentation                      KØMD Dr. Scott Wright  
DXing on the High C's (Chile, China, Caribbean)

Scott briefly talked about his life as a ham and his station today.



Chile-

- Takes medical personnel to Chile to serve
- Described Ham Radio in Chile. Older rigs are valued there because there are no equipment dealers in Chile.
- Operates CE2SV from a condominium in Renaca Beach
- Also Tunquen South of Valapariso
- Propagation from Chile is challenging
- Bands are open to US later in afternoon

- His call is CE2/KØMD and a Chilean license is required and may take up to six months to get

China-

- License required
- Operated at B1Z club contest station
- Described the station
- Hams aren't political and were excited to meet him
- There are a lot of low powered stations, the JA wall and a lot of noise makes it difficult for US to work
- Gray line is the best time to try from the US

Caribbean-

- Rented VP5JM "Hamlet" from Jody Millspaugh
- Instant pileups in contests but slow at night
- Don't operate near SSTV frequency of 14.285Mhz

What's next for him?-

- Jacksonville, FL and Chile again
- We invited him to join our club

Introductions and Chat

A total of 19 people participated in this meeting.

Dues

Pay your dues. It was decided that only those who are current on their dues will have their data on the DX Honor Roll published in the Newsletter. The goal is not to punish anyone. We just want you to pay your dues if you enjoy the services of the club.

President Chuck stated that he doesn't think it will work to have our members only data on groups.io. Need to find another way.

DXpedition Timelines for October

Chuck, KØXM again provided information from the DX World website for upcoming DXpeditions. Looks like several good ones are coming up this month. This information will be provided on groups.io. Chuck also uses the NG3K Announced DX Operations website for information. This information is also available on the <https://kcdxclub.org/dxpeditions> website.

Contest Timelines for October

One source for contest information is the WA7BNM online contest calendar. Check it out if you are not familiar with it.

The Oceania DX Contest is Oct. 1 and Oct. 8. There is a new club award so as a member of KCDX Club try to work what you can and report it as a member of the club

<https://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/rules> .

SWAG

One last chance. The 3Y0J Bouvet DXpedition now is offering mugs, shirts, sweat-shirts and other SWAG for sale to raise money for the effort. The KCDX Club logo will be imprinted below the DXpedition logo on these items. The link is <https://www.bonfire.com/store/bouvet-dxpedition-2023/>.

#### Other

President K0XM asked if we would be interested in exploring participation with other Zero call area clubs in hosting another W0DXCC get together. Members said go ahead and explore but no commitments yet.

#### Next Meetings

The October meeting (informal) will be held on Zoom only on October 31, 2022 due to the fact that Halloween is that day.

The November meeting will be held in the Carmack room at the Johnson County Library and on Zoom on November 21, 2022. This is because the room reservation on November 28 was taken from us.

There is no December meeting as it is replaced with the club banquet to be held on Dec. 16 at R.C.'s.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

The secretary apologizes for any and all errors in the creation of these minutes.

Charlie Hett, K0THN, KCDX Club Secretary.

## TRANSVERTER TALK

BY KY00

Hi, testers and Dxers. This month, we'll discuss transverters.

For new Dxers, a transverter is a box that adds one or more bands to your existing HF station. This can be done with less expense than buying a whole new radio for VHF operation.

Transverters add new bands to the system by taking the desired band, two meters, seventy centimeters, etc, and downconverting them to say, ten meters. You can use any HF band as the low frequency output and input, but we use ten meters, since there's less bandwidth to cover to get to and from two meters. Often, we use two meters as a starting point to get up to twenty-three centimeters (1200 megahertz) and up. The frequency band transmitted and received at the radio is called the IF and the band operated on is the output.

We also want to keep the bandwidth as narrow as we can to get away from drift on the high side at the antenna or preamp. Your HF radio might be quite stable, but as you upconvert, frequency multiplication causes possible error in the final product of the process. How do we stop drift and lack of stability?

First, we can install a temperature-compensated VFO as the main oscillator. Second we make sure our design is as stable as we can make it—high quality filters, detectors, components, and so on. This is especially true for multi-band transverters.

Another way we can stabilize transverters is to build in a connection to an external ten-megahertz reference. These units are designed to be VERY stable with components that don't move once warmed up to operating temperature. Other references use the GPS system, and get frequency data and send it to the connection on the transverter. Nowadays, even HF rigs are starting to use these GPS-locked references. Often, VHF operators will buy a splitter, hook the reference to the common side of the box, and connect all radios and transverters capable of using the reference to the rest of the connections. If a multi-band transverter is capable of using an external reference, use one by all means. This ensures that all parts of the station are stable and solves the instability problems at say, ten gigahertz.

So, why use a transverter?

Transverters are designed for the single band you want to use. A two meter transverter is just that—a two meter unit. It takes your ten meter IF, the output from that wonderful radio you got last year for Christmas, and sends a two meter signal out on two meters. And, you spent a lot less money to do that.

Since transverters are designed for a single band most of the time, we can optimize their performance for THAT band only, and performance is magnitudes above multimode VHF radios. Noise figure, sensitivity, adjacent channel reception, and other performance specifications are far superior. On transmit, assuming proper input drive, we can see far better transmit specifications such as band width on transmit, proper amplifier drive, etc.

We also can use the performance of the IF transceiver, filters, noise reduction, bandpass, audio fidelity, and other settings to improve performance. We still want to put the best transverters we can afford on the air to keep performance as high as possible.

Another reason to use transverters is 220 and 902 megahertz gives us no other way to access them if we want new equipment on VHF weak signal. Transverters are it for buying equipment holding a warranty out the shop door.

My next question is, do we use upconversion to operate on the new bands below the AM broadcast bands? How does that work? Are there transverters, say, that take an eighty-meter IF and downconvert to new very-low frequency bands? Is there room for a column for Dxers and contesters operating there? I'd like to hear a club program on the VLF amateur bands.

There are several matters we'll discuss next time about transverter lashups next month. We don't have much more space.

Yes, transverters may sound complex, but they can become part of your DX and contexting experience with proper thought and planning.



Don't forget to send me any Q's on six and up. It's your newsletter, too. I'm at:

[craiglmartin1953@gmail.com](mailto:craiglmartin1953@gmail.com)

## FALL 2022 UPDATE:

### You Just Might be a Redneck DXer ...

By AB0X

Jeff Foxworthy has made millions defining exactly what a Redneck is. He has also pointed out that almost everyone has some Rednecks in their family. This is true for hams and DXers as well. So, remember to say this before each statement below: "You just might be a Redneck DXer IF ...

... Your radio club scheduled their annual hamfest on the same weekend as the Ozark Sasquatch Convention, to get cross over attendees!

... Your XYL carries in her purse two handhelds and a 2' piece of RG-8 in case she has to stop the truck and "Whup the kids!"(Of course, PL-259's removed.)

...After Covid your radio club had its first Live meeting in the Party Room at the Deepwater Bar & Grill.

...DX Club President swears he saw a Black panther one day out back by his tower!

...Your DX Club publishes monthly in its newsletter two Honor Roll Listings:1)DXCC Honor Roll ; 2) Honor Roll for Most Stop Signs Shot from a pickup.(N0AG is at top of the Honor Roll For Stop Signs Shot with 427), DE Eastern KS DX & Gun Club Newsletter.

... Your DX Club's bluegrass music competition is held in conjunction with your hamfest(Last year's winner was the Clinton Cow Patties featuring W0DR on mandolin.)

...Your deer stand has a remote computer connection and wifi for DXing during Deer/DX Contest season.

...You have used a dried corn cob for numerous things around the QTH, including winding a coil for a HB antenna tuner.

...Your radio club had buttons made with the club logo and say, "FT8 and Copper-heads Suck!"

...Your radio club sponsors a SPAM Cook Off every year!

...Your radio club sponsors an annual scholarship to the local jr. college Rodeo Team for Bull Riders!(AB0X has a cousin who actually got such a scholarship.)

...Your radio club kicked DeeWayne Suiter of Iconium, MO, out of a VEC license testing session because he accidentally knocked over his spit can during the test!

...WDØSRI gave a presentation at your radio club meeting on "Using Barbed Wire for Beverage Antennas."

...Your radio club members refer to going to Osceola, MO, as "Going to the City."

...You have at least one radio antenna mounted on top of a silo.(These work great for sloper antennas.)

...The grill of your D-104 is brown from SKOAL.

...Your cousin, twice removed, is KØLW.

...You have a 12 volt vehicle battery that is shared by two pickups, and your QRP station.

...At least half of your radio club could be described as "Big 'Ole Boys!"

...Your radio club has two members selected as Official Roundup Sprayers who get your Field Day site ready each June.

...You have ever found a snake coiled up on top of your amplifier.

...You have ever been too drunk to spray paint your call on a water tower!

...Your cousin, "Bubba" Wright,(Ima Wright's boy) dropped out of the 9th grade to manage a Laundromat/Bait shop in Pomona, KS.

...Your radio club has designated sections for seating at meetings: Icom, Yaesu, and Kenwood. Front row is reserved for Ten Tec and Alinco.

... Your radio club honors members who handle the most Official ARRL Traffic Messages and/Or the number of city folks they pull out of a ditch each month.

...You shoot out the shack window at "Wylie Coyote" almost every night, but can't seem to hit him.(The barn is full of bullet holes, though.)

...Your P5 QSL hangs from the antlers of that 12 point buck you mounted on the wall back in 1995. (Next to your XYL, your two greatest trophies.)

...You have enough aluminum tubing in the barn to build six 40m yagis, but you never seem to find time to do it.

...You had "FREE" signs on your flea market table, and still nobody took anything.

... Once you operated 20 Meter Maritime Mobile from Tally's Bend on Truman Lake.

...Your radio club had designated trees at the Field Day site for Men and Women's restrooms.

...Your radio club holds an annual “Frog Giggling Contest” on Hobbles Creek and frog cluster spotting is allowed.

...A recent program at your radio club was entitled, “Working Tractor to Tractor on 10 Meters.”

...You went to Farm Aid once and got Willie Nelson to sign your 2 M handheld.(At least this is what you tell people.)

...Your radio club operated portable from Tonganoxie Island in the Kaw River( Still waiting for IOTA approval, but should be a counter).

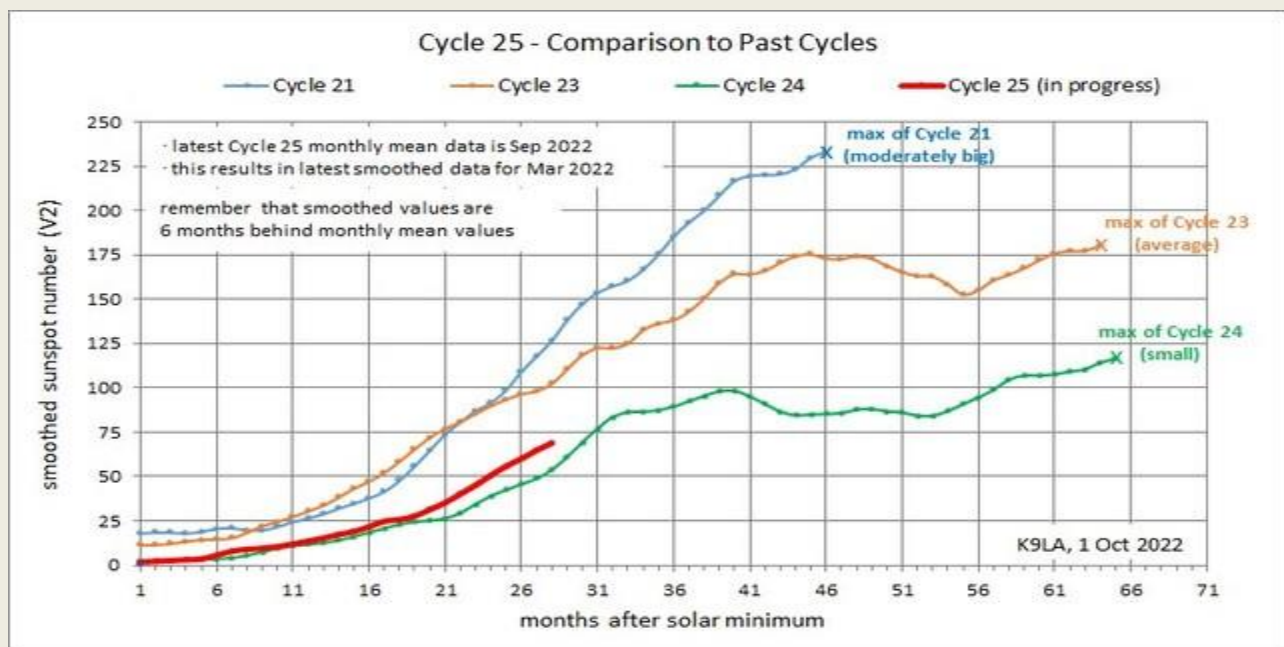
And Always:

...Annually your DX Club petitions the ARRL and the IARU to add “The Ozarks” to the DXCC list as a separate country because of its shared ethnic beliefs, unique culture, and language.

## DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X

K0XM recently posted this graph from K9LA, showing how we are doing so far as per predictions on sunspot activity in the new cycle. It appears we are slightly above the predictions so far. Of course, this is always a good sign for DXers.



DE K9LA via K0XM

DX NEWS:

5R, MADAGASCAR (Postponed). Operators Ron/PA3EWP, Guenter/

DL2AWG, Erno/ DK2AMM and Gerben/PG5M, who were expected to be active as 5R8WP, 5R8WG, 5R8MM and 5R8CG, respectively, from Nosy Be Island (AF-057), Madagascar, between October 11-22nd, had to postpone their operation "due to a positive Corona test of one of the team members." The team hopes to reschedule for late November.

5R, MADAGASCAR. Johannes, PA5X/5T5PA, posted on QRZ.com (October 14th) that he planning a DXpedition to Nosy-Be Island (AF-057) using the call sign 5R8PA. QSL via PA5X. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

7Q, MALAWI (Reminder). Don, K6ZO, will once again be active as 7Q6M from Malawi between October 19th and November 29th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, and entries in both CQWW DX SSB and CW Contests. QSL via LoTW, or via K6ZO direct.

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Jean-Louis, ZS6AAG, is now active as C96JLH from Nametil, Mozambique. His length of stay is unknown, but his license is good until December 31, 2026. Jean-Louis is there working for Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). Activity has been on the QO-100 satellite, but he has been also known to be on 20 meters FT8. QSL via his home callsign or eQSL.

CY0S SABLE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS (Update, dated October 16th). [edited] "The 2023 Sable Island CY0S DXpedition team is very pleased to announce a very generous offer from a well known DX'er and DXpeditioner. This DX'er has offered to match any donations to the CY0S DXpedition from this point forward until arrival on the Island on March 20, 2023. For example, if a contributor donates 100 USDs to the DXpedition, this 100 USDs will then be matched for a total of 200 USDs.! The DX'er making the match offer wishes to remain anonymous but wanted to support this DXpedition in a unique and special way. The CY0S team is very grateful and thankful for this tremendous show of support for our DXpedition effort. The CY0S team is

hard at work on the antennas for the DXpedition. Yagi antennas will be used for 10-20 meters. A Hygain LJ-105CA, ten meter monobander has been assembled and checked out. A Hygain LJ-153BA, 15 meter monobander has been assembled and checked out. This week, a Hygain 203-BA, 20 meter monobander will be assembled and checked out. The Cushcraft A3WS 12/17 duobander has been back ordered but is expected to be shipped to us in January from our major sponsor DX Engineering. Bob, K4UEE, will be building our low band antenna system, again with major support from DX Engineering. The team is continuing to manage and fine tune gear based on the very strict weight limitations for the DXpedition. The team is limited to a total of 2965 lbs, which includes the weight of the operators, radio gear, antennas, antenna mast, long mast stakes for the loose sand, coaxial cables, food (freeze dried/MRE's) and personal gear. Every pound of weight counts and this is a huge challenge. Repair work has begun on Sable Island from the damage from intense hurricane Fiona. Sable Aviation, one of our partners, is busy flying siding, roofing materials and construction personnel to the island. Repairs are expected to be completed this Fall." 73, Murray WA4DAN  
March 20-29, 2023 Sable Island CY0S DXpedition Team Leader

D4, CAPE VERDE (HF/Satellite Op). Harald, DF2W0, will once again be active as D44TW0 from Praia, Santiago Island (AF-005), between January 3-21st, 2023. Activity will be holiday style on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. He states that he works mostly on the Digital modes (FT8, PSK31, JT65 and RTTY) and slow CW. He will be using an Icom 7300, 2 Transverters with 3 watts output on ES-Hail using the QO-100 Geostationary Satellite. He will also have a FT-450D into a homemade HEX BEAM and a dipole for 40 meters. QSL via M00X0 (OQRS available).

FT5/W, CROZET ISLAND (Update). The "Les Nouvelles DX" (LNDX) reports that Thierry, F6CUK, states that he will return home at the end of March 2023. However, he states that his operations will have to cease on January 26<sup>th</sup> (2023), and he will



only be able (authorized) to use QO-100 until his departure. The canteens with the equipment have arrived on Reunion and will be loaded on the boat for an arrival in Crozet in mid-November. All the equipment should therefore be on site for its arrival. See the pictures of the canteens on the Crozet 2022 Web page at: <http://crozet2022.r-e-f.org/journal-de-bord.html>

FT4/Y, ANTARCTICA (Update to OPDX.1576). Jean-Michel, F6AJA, editor of the LNDX, reports the following [edited]: David, F4FKT, leaves on October 18th to join his group in Tasmania where he will be VK7/F4FKT/P. They stay there for 8 days to leave, by plane, for the Italian base of Zucharelli in Antarctica. David will be active as IA0/F4FKT/P. Then after 3-5 days, he will be on the way to Concordia by plane where he will be there until the end of January/beginning of February where he will be active as FT4YM/P with perhaps a QSY at Dome C. Then he is expected to drive the convoy which goes to the Prudhomme base (Dumont d'Urville logistics base); duration of the trip 10 to 12 days where he will be FT4YM. And finally return by boat for an arrival around March 15th in Tasmania. Of course, this all depends on the weather. He carries an ICOM 7300 and 500W amplifier (F6HEJ), a laptop PC and a vertical antenna. Traffic will be on 20m on SSB and FT4/FT8.

HS0, THAILAND. Lars, SM6NT, will once again be active as HS0ZME from Hua Hin between November 1st and April 2nd (2023). Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW. View his setup on QRZ.com. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

J2, DJIBOUTI (Support Needed!). In less than two weeks the members of the Mediterraneo DX Club (MDXC) will be active as J28MD near the town of Obok (WW Loc. LK11PX) in Djibouti between October 29th and November 7th. The team is still looking for support/funding for this operation due to the huge increases in the cost of flights, accommodation and currency

fluctuations. Any donation however small is welcome! As always, the team will be producing some serious noise on the bands fulfilling many of your band slots. Activity will be on 160-10 meters with a special focus on low bands and the WARC bands, using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Suggested frequencies were listed in OPDX.1561 or on the J28MD Web page. QSL Manager is IK2VUC for direct, Bureau and OQRS. The complete LoTW log will be uploaded after 5/6 months. They will upload LoTW contacts during the expedition for all 10 USDs contributors. For more details, see their Web page at:

<http://mdxc.org/j28md> .

LX, LUXEMBOURG. A group of Belgium and Luxembourg operators will be active as LX8M from Merscheid, Luxembourg, during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi-Single/Low-Power entry. QSL via LoTW. Operators mentioned are Joel/LX1ER, Pedro/ON2PSA, John/ON4BW, Olivier/ON4EI, Manu/ON4EM, Alain/ON6ZL, Ben/ON7IO and Bruno/ON7ZB.

*THANKS TO OHIO/PENN DX BULLETIN!*

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